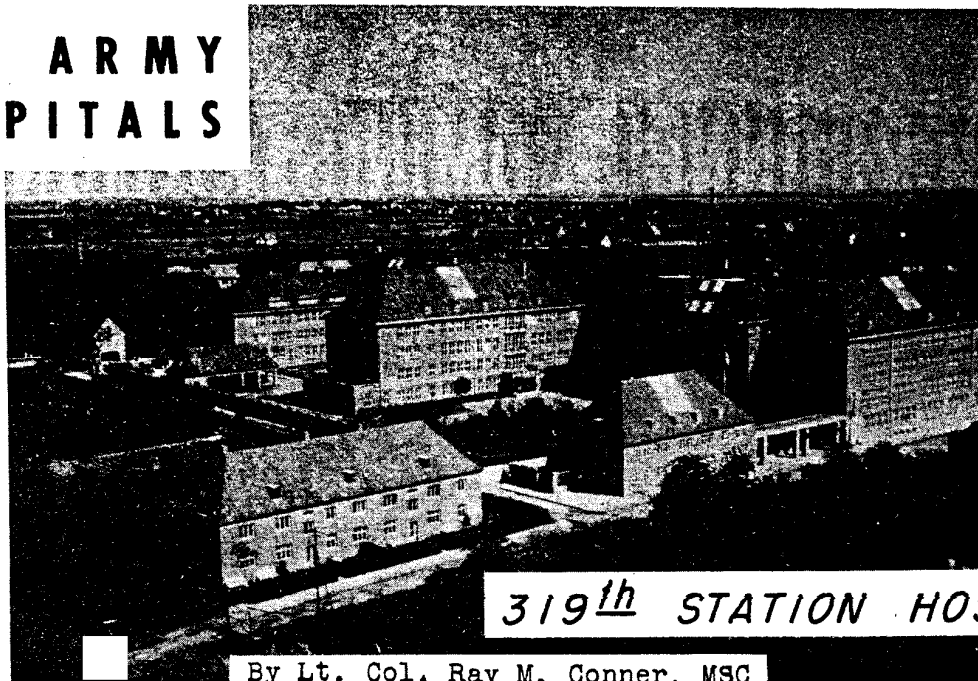


OUR ARMY HOSPITALS



319th STATION HOSPITAL

By Lt. Col. Ray M. Conner, MSC

The 319th Station Hospital is located in Bremerhaven, Germany, and occupies the plant which was formerly a German Marine Lazarett.

Construction of the main hospital plant was started by the German Navy in 1937 and finished in 1939. It was subsequently used by the German Navy until the advance party of the 348th Station Hospital moved in and officially occupied the plant on 27 June 1945. The evacuation of German patients was begun immediately. Repairs and construction work, which included construction of the patients' mess hall, patients' recreation room, chapel, theater, detachment mess and detachment recreation room, was also started.

The 348th Station Hospital continued to operate in this plant until 15 January 1946 when the 121st General Hospital assumed operation. This general hospital was redesignated the 121st Station Hospital 1 December 1946, and redesignated the 319th Station Hospital effective 31 January 1947.

U.S. Army hospitals occupying the former German Marine Lazarett in Bremerhaven, Germany, were commanded by the following Medical Corps officers in the order named:

- Lt. Col. Stewart D. Sunday
- Lt. Col. Nelson R. Saphir
- Col. W. W. Vaughan
- Lt. Col. Walter R. deForest
- Maj. Malcolm C. Todd
- Lt. Col. William M. Merritt
- Col. Kincheon H. Bailey
- Col. Earle D. Quinnell
- Col. John B. Herman
- Col. Seth Gayle
- Lt. Col. Paul S. Parrino

Colonel Parrino, Commanding Officer of the 319th Station Hospital since 5 February 1950, was recently awarded a Founder's Certificate by the American Board of Preventive Medicine and Public Health. His teaching positions included bacteriology and immunology at Tulane University, public health at Louisiana State University, and health and hygiene at several state colleges. In 1938 he won the National Award of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for directing the outstanding Health Department in the South Central States.

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